

Project name	SAFE – Sustainable Access to Finance for Entrepreneurship
Country	Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia)
Donor	European Commission
Total Value of the Project	€9,427,543.20 million - <i>European guarantee of up to €4.8 million</i> - <i>Investment Grant of up to €2.5 million</i> - <i>Technical assistance of up to €1.7 million</i>
Lead Financial Institution	CDP <i>CDP's allocation of European funds to beneficiaries follows public tender procedures, in line with current national and European legislation on public procurement</i>
Partner financial institution	Banca Etica
Final beneficiary	Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises via microfinance institutions
Nature of Donor's Funds	Guarantee, <i>investment grant</i> and <i>grant</i> for technical assistance (TA)
Scope	To promote financial inclusion and improve access to credit for micro-enterprises and small business owners in the Western Balkans, whilst strengthening the capacity of local microfinance institutions.
Environmental & social aspects	Strong focus on financial inclusion, support for women and young entrepreneurs, and strengthening the local microfinance ecosystem. It also contributes to the EU's objectives of sustainable and inclusive growth.
Lead Financial Institution Address	CDP: Piazza Verdi 10, 00198 Rome, Italy
Status	Ongoing
Project duration	5 years (23 December 2025 – 22 December 2030)
Claims	Specific enquiries can be made using the CDP information request form



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